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Through the manipulations of Mysterio, Midtown High has been transformed into a massive Haunted House! Now, Spider-Man--along with the school's principal--finds himself caught between a literal rock and a hard place: Two Mysterios, both purporting to be the one-and-only, and there's clearly no love lost between them.

Meanwhile, Flash Thompson has been endeavoring to get a small group of students to safety, only to become separated from Miss Arrow, the school nurse.

Miss Arrow, in turn, finds herself confronting yet another Mysterio, this one claiming to be the original Master of Illusion, a.k.a. Quentin Beck, who supposedly died from a self-inflicted gunshot wound. To prove his identity, he removed his helmet--revealing a very dead Beck with half his head shot off!

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"...NOT TO MENTION
OUR FRIENDLY
NEIGHBORHOOD
SPIDER-MAN."

DO YOU
HAVE ANY IDEA
HOW RIDICULOUS
YOU LOOK IN
THAT OUTFIT?

YOU'RE
THE ONE
WHO IS CLEARLY
ABSIDLY
ATTIRED!

OKAY,
THIS IS JUST
SO DRENCHED
IN IRONY, I DON'T
EVEN KNOW WHERE
TO BEGIN.

I HATE A MYSTERY

CONCLUSION

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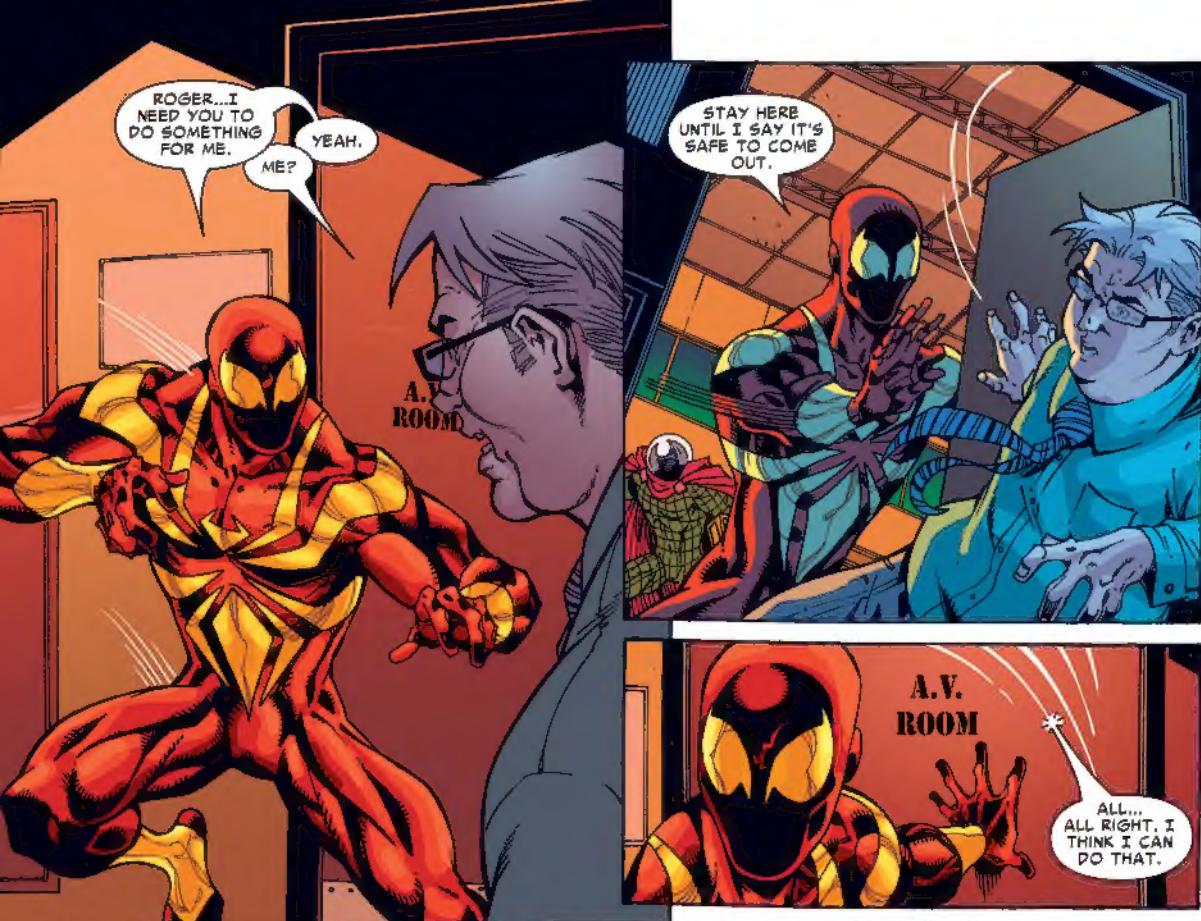
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OH NO!
GIANT SNAKES!
WHATEVER WILL
I DO?



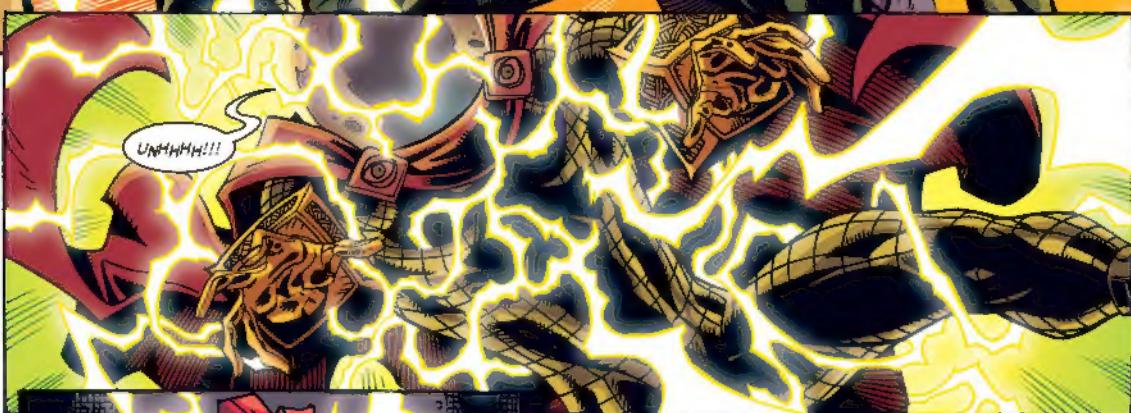
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PANICKING YET?
AM I TREMBLING
IN YOUR
PRESENCE?

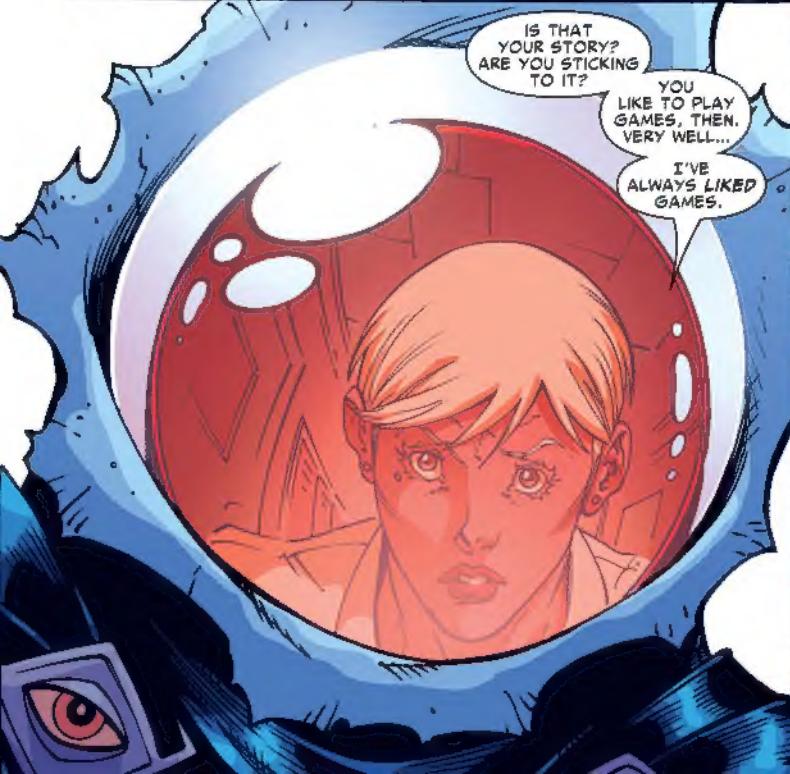
WHAT'S
THAT? I'M NOT?
FANCY THAT!

ARHHHH!!



ANYTHING...
YOU... CAN THROW ...I... CAN COUNTER!





EVERYTHING HAPPENS IN ITS PROPER TIME, MISS ARROW. THAT'S WHY SUICIDES ARE SO COSMICALLY DETESTED. GOD DESPISES PEOPLE WHO KILL THEMSELVES; IT'S A PLEASURE HE PREFERENCES TO RESERVE FOR HIMSELF.

HE HATES IT WHEN OTHERS GET IN ON THE FUN.

STILL, WE ALL HAVE OUR PARTS TO PLAY, I SUPPOSE. I PLAY FOR MY NEW SIDE... AND YOU FOR YOURS, AND BOTH HAVE A GREAT INTEREST IN THE PROCEEDINGS.

I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE...

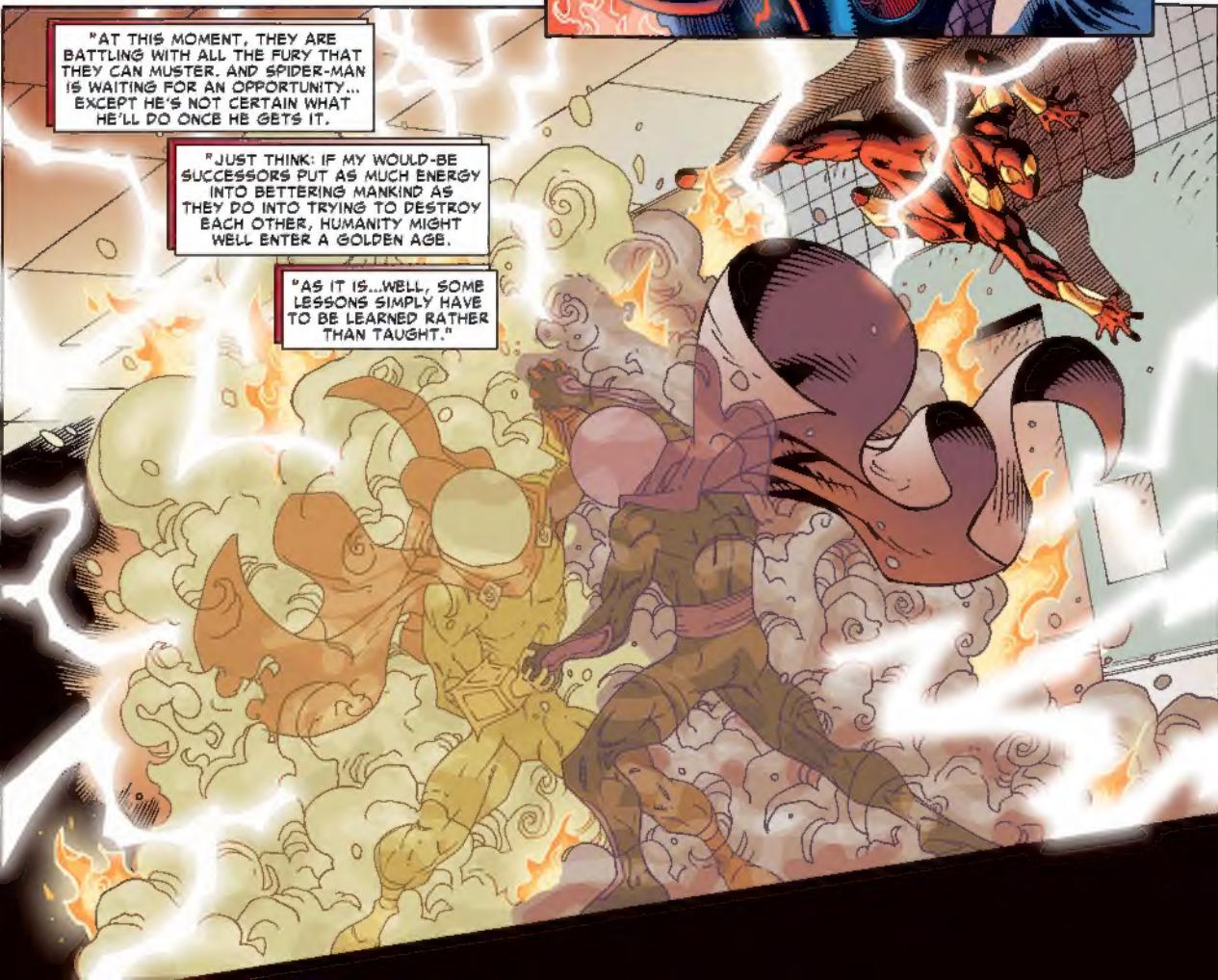
--TALKING ABOUT, YES, YES, YOU ALREADY SAID THAT.

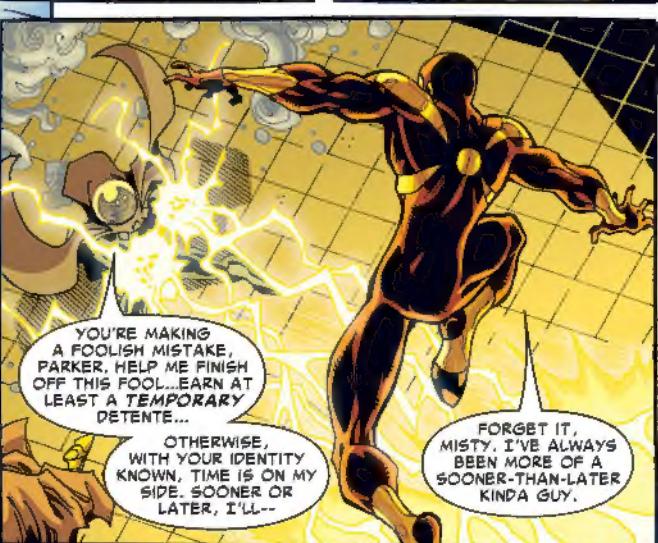


"AT THIS MOMENT, THEY ARE BATTLING WITH ALL THE FURY THAT THEY CAN MUSTER. AND SPIDER-MAN IS WAITING FOR AN OPPORTUNITY... EXCEPT HE'S NOT CERTAIN WHAT HE'LL DO ONCE HE GETS IT."

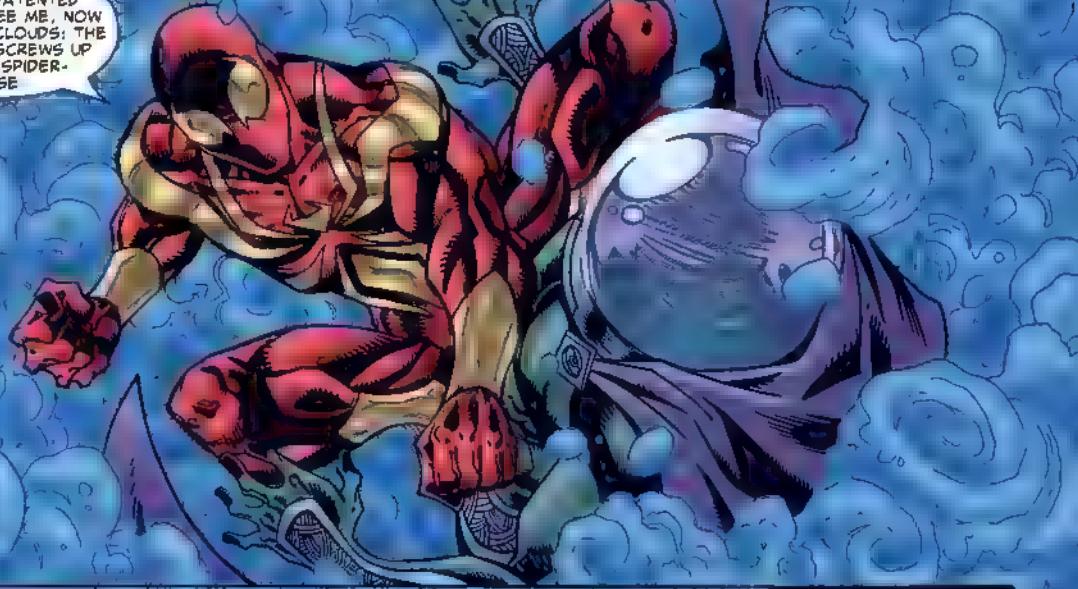
"JUST THINK: IF MY WOULD-BE SUCCESSORS PUT AS MUCH ENERGY INTO BETTERING MANKIND AS THEY DO INTO TRYING TO DESTROY EACH OTHER, HUMANITY MIGHT WELL ENTER A GOLDEN AGE."

"AS IT IS...WELL, SOME LESSONS SIMPLY HAVE TO BE LEARNED RATHER THAN TAUGHT."





OOOO, ONE
OF YOUR PATENTED
"NOW YOU SEE ME, NOW
YOU DON'T" CLOUDS: THE
KIND THAT SCREWS UP
EVEN MY SPIDER-
SENSE



HERE'S THE
FUNNY THING FIRST,
MY SPIDER-SENSE IS MORE
HEIGHTENED THAN EVER.
SECOND, I'VE GOT SOME
ON-BOARD TRACKING
TECHNOLOGY THAT
CAN'T BE BEAT.

BETWEEN
THE TWO OF
THOSE...

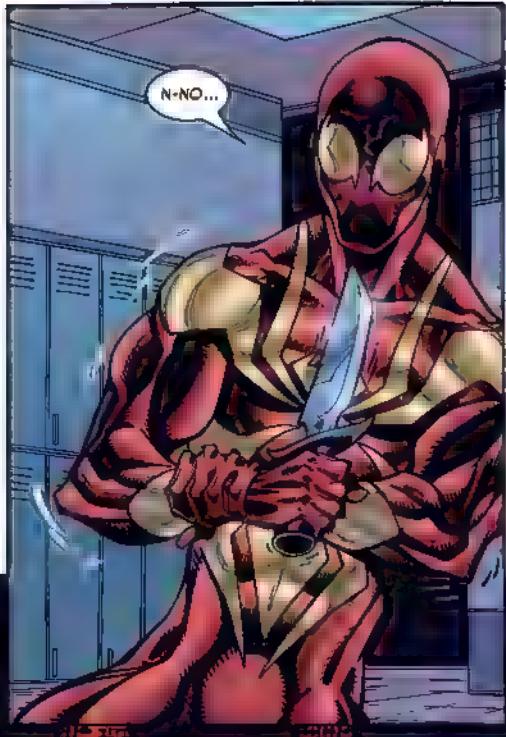
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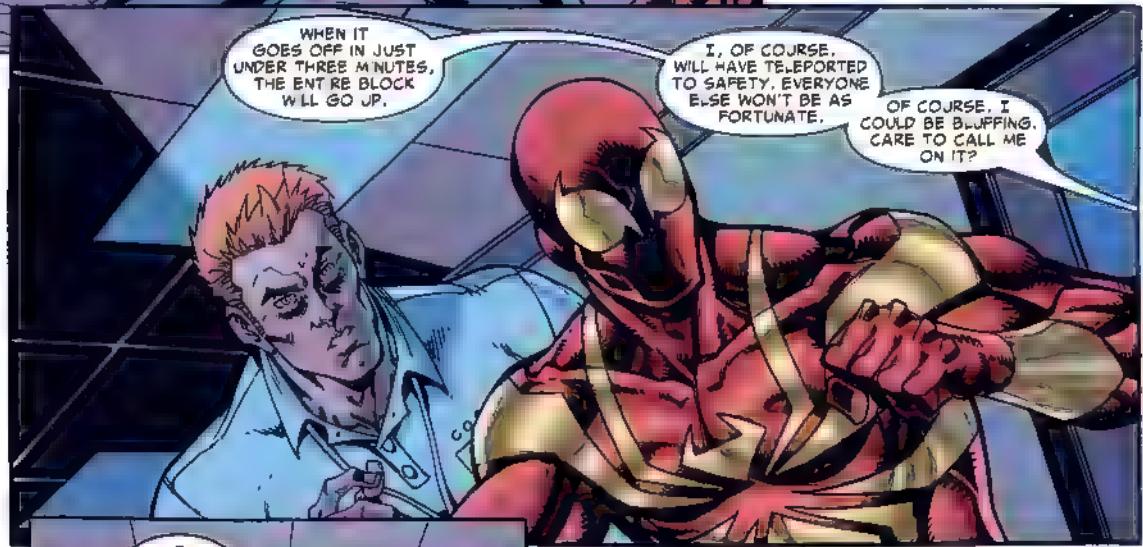
...THINGS
HAVE
CHANGED.











THERE IS
A GREAT GAME
GOING ON, ARROW.
ALL THE PIECES MUST
BE IN PLACE...AND
KNOW THE R
PLACE...

WE CAN'T
HAVE THEM
WANDERING OFF
ON THEIR OWN,
NOW, CAN WE?

WHY...
WHAT ARE YOU
SAYING?

I'M SAYING
THAT PETER PARKER
MUSTN'T LEAVE THIS
SCHOOL. NOT YET.
IT'S NOT TIME.

YOU MUST
WORK TO KEEP
HIM HERE.

MY SUPERIORS
WANT THIS...AND
SO, I SUSPECT,
DO YOURS.

MY
SUPERIORS? WHAT
SUPERIORS?

IF YOU WISH
TO CONTINUE THE
CHARADE, GO AHEAD.
WHAT IS ONE SMALL
GAME, I SUPPOSE, IN
THE MIDST OF THE
MUCH LARGER ONE
BEING PLAYED?

KEEP HIM
AT THE SCHOOL.
PLAY YOUR PART,
SO HE CAN PLAY
HIS...

AND I . . .
MINE...





OKAY... DON'T HAVE A LOT OF TIME HERE... BUT THE MECHANISM DOESN'T LOOK TOO COMPLICATED.

WELL, THEN WE'LL HAVE TO MAKE IT A BIT MORE CHALLENGING, WON'T WE?

WHAAA?

IT'LL TAKE YOU ONLY A FEW SECONDS TO JUMP UP AND CUT HIM DOWN... BUT YOU'LL NEED THAT TIME TO DEPUSE THE BOMB. MEANTIME, I'LL HAVE MY REVENGE ON YOUR KNIFE-THROWING FRIEND.

F-forget m-uh...uh...

AH, SO YOU LEAVE HIM TO DIE A WISE, IF TRAGIC, CHOICE

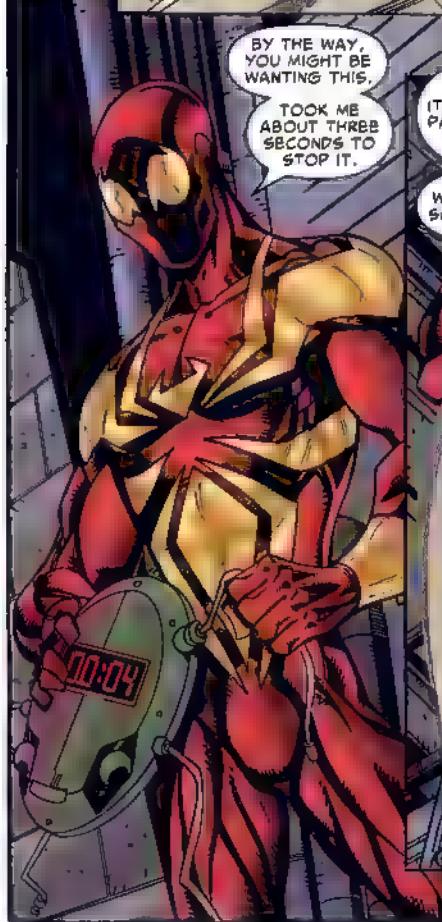
THWIP!



I'LL SAY THIS FOR ALL YOU FREAKIN' MYSTERIOS...



YOU JUST DON'T KNOW WHEN TO SHUT UP.



BY THE WAY, YOU MIGHT BE WANTING THIS, TOOK ME ABOUT THREE SECONDS TO STOP IT.



AND THAT'S ABOUT HOW LONG IT'LL TAKE ME TO PUT PAD TO YOU, ONCE I GET MY HANDS ON YOU.

YOU MIGHT WANT TO CONSIDER SURRENDERING NOW, FRANCIS



NOW THAT I KNOW IT'S YOU, I'VE SET CYBERNETIC SCRAMBLING CIRCUITRY IN MY COSTUME THAT'LL BLOCK YOUR MENTAL COMMANDS

AND YOUR ATTEMPTS TO AMBUSH ME VIA TELEPORTATION WON'T WORK, BECAUSE MY HEIGHTENED SPIDER-SENSE AND ON-BOARD TRACKING SENSORS WILL WARN ME.

IF YOU'RE SMART, YOU'LL GIVE UP NOW.



NO I'M JUST USING MY MOST DANGEROUS POWER OF ALL MY SPIDER-BOUL...

YOU... can do all that?







HE WAS HERE!
THAT...THAT MYSTERO
CREATURE! I THOUGHT
HE WAS GOING TO
KILL ME!

We
heard you
scream.

ACTUALLY,
I THOUGHT I
HEARD A GUY
SCREAM.

NO, IT WAS
ME, BUT THEN HE
JUST...HE COLLAPSED,
CLUTCHING WHAT LOOKED
LIKE A WOUND IN HIS
SHOULDER, AND THEN HE
JUST...JUST VANISHED.

WHAT...WHAT
HAPPENED TO
YOUR VOICE?

Oh...a little
strangulation.
Nothing
serious.

AND THE
CHILDREN!
THEY'RE ALL
RIGHT?

I got 'em
out of the
building.

WELL,
THEN...

"...LET'S MAKE SURE THEY'RE OKAY."

ARE THEY...?

THEY'RE JUST UNCONSCIOUS.
MY ON-BOARD OXYGEN
SYSTEM IS PROTECTING
ME FROM THE MIST...AND
IT'S STARTING TO DISSIPATE ANYWAY.



JUST LIKE THE REST OF THIS "HAUNTED HOUSE" SCENARIO SHUT DOWN WHEN MYSTERIO BOOKED IT OUTTA HERE. HE MUST'VE HAD REMOTE CONTROLS IN HIS COSTUME.

YOU KNOW SO MUCH ABOUT THESE THINGS.

YEAH, WELL...
WHEN Y'HANG AROUND SPIDEY, YOU JUST PICK STUFF UP. HECK, HE AND I GO BACK A LONG--

YOU WERE VERY BRAVE.
AND YOU KNOW WHAT ELSE?

WHAT?

I'M GOING TO FIND A WAY TO CONVINCE PETER TO STAY. WE NEED HIM.

"SOUNDS LIKE A PLAN."

UHM... HELLO?

IS IT SAFE YET?

JUST LET ME KNOW WHEN IT IS, OKAY?

RIGHT.
I'LL JUST WAIT HERE,
THEN.

